

REMARKS

Claims 13 and 24-44 were pending and stand rejected. Claim 13 has been cancelled. Claims 24, 36, and 44 have been amended. Claims 24-44 are pending upon entry of this amendment.

Claims 13, 24-25, 27, 30-37, 40, and 44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daniel in view of O'Hair. Applicant respectfully traverses.

On November 22, 2006, the Examiner, the Examiner's supervisor, and the undersigned attorney discussed Daniel, O'Hair, and claim 24 (as previously pending) over the telephone. Claim 24 recited two elements: "a graphical representation of a tree..." and "a plurality of symbols..." The Examiner agreed that claim 24 was patentable over Daniel and O'Hair, both individually and in combination. Specifically, neither Daniel nor O'Hair discloses, teaches, or suggests the second claimed element "a plurality of symbols, adjacent to the plurality of operands in the tree, the plurality of symbols and the plurality of operands representing the expression in infix notation."

Claims 36 and 44 recite similar language and are therefore also patentable over Daniel and O'Hair, both individually and in combination. Claim 13 has been cancelled.

The Examiner suggested amending claim 24 to add the word "additionally" before the phrase "a plurality of symbols." Applicant has amended independent claims 24, 36, and 44 in this way to clarify their meaning and not to narrow their scope in any way.

Claim 26 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daniel in view of O'Hair and further in view of Ahlstrom. Claims 28-29 and 41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daniel in view of O'Hair and further in view of Coden. Claims 38-39 and 42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daniel in

view of O'Hair and further in view of Official Notice. Claim 43 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daniel in view of O'Hair and further in view of Wiegel.

Applicant respectfully traverses.

The claims not specifically mentioned above depend from their respective base claims, which were shown to be patentable over Daniel and O'Hair, both individually and in combination. In addition, these claims recite other features not included in their respective base claims. Thus, these claims are patentable over Daniel and O'Hair, both individually and in combination, for at least the reasons discussed above, as well as for the elements that they individually recite.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited art of record and requests that the Examiner allow this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in order to advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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